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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants wish to bring the references, listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and enclosed herewith, to the attention of the Examiner. Ten references were cited in the 26 NOV. 2004 Internat'l Search Report, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. 6 more were cited in a German search report of FEB. 2004 in DE 203 11 307 (first priority document for this case). Finally, the HOSHINA reference (category Y) and 4 more (Category A-background) references were cited in a German search report of DEC. 2004 in DE 20 2004 005 341 (second priority document for this case). Copies of these reports are also enclosed. The English-language abstract and/or English equivalents suffice to make their relevance apparent. Therefore, **this submission complies with MPEP § 609.**

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Many of the references are in English, so their relevance is readily apparent. No representation is made that more pertinent, although presently unknown, art does not exist.

It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the prior art and will carefully consider the documents submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to **return an initialled copy** of form PTO-1449, to confirm that the references have been considered.

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited. No fee is believed required; if any is required, it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0442.

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